

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant First and Last Names: _____ **Student ID #:** _____

Optional Waiver: *I voluntarily waive all rights to review this letter of recommendation conferred by The Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974.*

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

The person named above is applying to the SIU Carbondale McNair Scholars Program. We are a federally funded program that encourages graduate study and preparation. We provide participants with a mentored research experience, seminars, and workshops on topics related to the pursuit of the doctoral degree. We would appreciate your honest evaluation of the applicant's personality, character, and professional and academic promise. In your statement, please discuss the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and give the basis of your opinion. We wish to select bright and motivated students who will benefit from our program. *Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and the letter of recommendation.*

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

I consider the student to be _____ **Ready** _____ **Ready, if mentored** _____ **Not ready** to conduct research and explore doctoral study.

Please evaluate the student in the following categories:

	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	NOT APPLICABLE
Academic potential	_____	_____	_____	_____
Critical thinking	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organization & expression of ideas	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commitment to academic goals	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Willing to accept constructive feedback	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please **attach a letter** detailing addition information that will give us a greater understanding of the applicant and his/her potential as a graduate student and researcher.

Name: _____

Title: _____ Department: _____

Email Address: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed recommendation to: **McNair Scholars Program 900 S. Normal Ave. Mail Code 4719. Carbondale, IL 62901.**

For information, please contact Rhetta Seymour, Associate Director at 618/453-4582 or rseymour@siu.edu.